

CAPITOL GOSSIP.

OPINIONS AND EXPRESSIONS GATHERED IN BRIEF TALKS WITH STATESMEN

What Ex-Speaker Randall Says About Coming Tour in the South—Who Are Moguls of the House—The Necessity of Fixing a Bankrupt Law

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wherein trip will mark the beginning of
end speakership fight. It is now gene
understood that Randall will not go int
abinet, preferring another contest wit
arliste. It is conceded that the tariff re
ers have a majority in the forty-nin
ress, and that Mr. Randall will have t
over a number of votes from their ranks b
e can hope to grasp the prize.

THE MOGULS OF THE HOUSE.

"Morrison and Randall imagine that
constitute the house of representatives.
Virginia member yesterday; "and that
season we fixed on next Saturday for ad

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A lively scene is reported to have taken place between Mr. A. S. Hewitt, of New York City, and Mr. D. M. Dunnell, correspondent of the *New York Times*. They met in the file clerk's office at the capitol. Mr. Hewitt had complained to Mr. Dunnell on another occasion of a statement purporting to quote the former's language upon a certain subject, and re-

correctly reported the order, and did not
pose to have his reputation for veracit
called by one whose reputation was
pally for unverity. Mr. Hewitt
whether he intended to make the
cation personal, but received an
swer which he could construe
suit himself. He claimed that Mr. De
had done him an irreparable injury.
pears that the gentlemen have jockey
before, when Mr. Dunnell was a report
the *New York Evening Post* and can

It is thought that the end of the present quarrel is not yet.

THE CLERKSHIP QUARREL.

The quarrel between Representative O. C. Bailey of Missouri, and Assistant File Clerk B. H. Clark's office, has taken a curious turn. As heretofore stated Bauman was appointed last December at the instance of Mr. Clark. Lately the two fell out and

temporarily notifying him to vacate the for another man. O'Neill takes the ground that the clerical appointments house are the legitimate perquisites of biers. He says he has a right to remove man and name another man for Gen. C

man was to act as his private secretary turn for the appointment, and that Be has failed and refused to perform this contract. Rahman, who is disposed quite determined, took the ground that he did not have the power to dictate his resignation and appealed to Gen. Clark for justice. A curious part of the story came in a day when the matter was brought casual way to the attention of Controller Lawrence, who, after clearing the question, found that the clerical

ence. It was created during the forty congress for a temporary convenience, expiring with that congress. This fact, however, was overlooked and the house clogged right along filling the place. The situation is that a congressman and a clerk find themselves in the imminent breach of a quarrel over the disposition of that clerk's salary in the military eye. Clerk and the office have become individuals and a bill has already been introduced to create it. Meantime, Clerk Banman maintains a steady hold on the vacancy, and the representative of Missouri is wondering how he will get as firm a grip on the new one he had on the old.

Poor Children There—The Various Committees Appointed.

A Christmas club was formed yesterday afternoon at the Farmers and Mechanics in Georgetown. F. L. Moore was chosen president, C. L. Matthews and J. T. Mitchell, presidents; Miss Bertha Mitchell, secretary; P. Mayfield, treasurer. The finance committee was composed of the following:

A. Gordon, John Searberry, Jr., George K. Ilop, J. G. Waters, W. T. Wheatley, Curtis, Austin Herr, M. J. Adler, A. Greenless, and J. H. Watson. The contribution supplies is as follows: J. T. Mitchell, H. Gordon, C. M. Matthews, J. M. Water, Jamin Miller, Jr., Mrs. H. D. Cooke, Mrs. Wheatley, Mrs. W. A. Gordon, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. W. L. Dunlop, Mrs. Frances, Mrs. J. L. Owens, Rev. Francis Tag, Jesse Wilson. The committee on inventory of Mrs. C. M. Matthews.

The decorations will be in charge of Mattie Dodge, Mrs. R. W. Downina, John Magruder, Mrs. E. L. Moore, Mrs.

It was decided to give the dinner in the school building on the 31st instant at 6 o'clock. The committee will meet at 4 o'clock this afternoon in the lecture room of the church.

Mr. Browder Cannot Answer.

Just before adjournment yesterday speaker laid before the house a communication from Mr. Browder, who is unable to answer the question put to him.

resolution asking for his opinion as to whether the eight hour law applies to letter carriers. The attorney general says, after receiving the resolution: "To this I must reply that I will furnish the legal opinion required."

ereate and define his office, and will mit him to give advice at the call o house of congress or congress itself, to the President and the heads of ex departments."

The bill introduced yesterday by Representative Skinner for the grading and cation of salaries of clerks in all postoffices provides that all clerks ex-

clerks shall be divided into five classes, the first class to receive \$900, the second \$800, the third \$1,000, the fourth \$1,300, and the fifth \$1,500.
